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BISTABLE MOLECULAR MECHANICAL DEVICES WITH A

MIDDLE ROTATING SEGMENT ACTIVATED BY AN ELECTRIC FIELD FOR ELECTRONIC SWITCHING, GATING, AND MEMORY

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application, which is a divisional application of application Serial No. 09/846,135, filed April 30, 2001, recently allowed. Amendments to the specification and claims are provided on separate sheets.